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SUBJECT: TIP: TIER 2 ACTION PLAN FOR NIGERIA DELIVERED

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11. In response to action request (reftel), Post explained to GON areas of specific concern to Nigeria from the 2005 TIP report, why GON efforts did not meet minimum standards, and how to improve results in the future. On November 18, G/TIP lead for Nigeria, Veronica Zeitlin, and POLOFF Eshel Murad met Carol Ndaguba, Executive Secretary of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP), Dayo Akinmoyo, Special Assistant to the President on Human Trafficking, and other officials and prosecutors. GON representatives were generally receptive to the USG message. However, Ms. Akinmoyo took exception to the recommendation to increase prosecutions, arguing it would shift resources away from sensitization of the judiciary, which she believed was a more efficient means to encourage stiffer penalties for trafficking and thus be a stronger deterrent. Post will report additional progress as it is made.
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